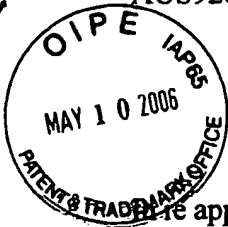


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In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated April 24, 2006, ("the
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